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Idaho Milk Production Up 4.6 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2011 totaled 1.08 million pounds, a 4.6 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 0.6 percent from March 2011, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. March milk production was revised to 1.08 million pounds, up 2 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in April 2011 was 1,870 pounds, up 20 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during April was 576,000 head, up 19,000 from April 2010, and unchanged from March 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2010. March revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from March 2010. The March revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,834 pounds for April, 9 pounds above April 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.43 million head, 97,000 head more than April 2010, and 8,000 head more March 2011.

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